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SUBJECT: EC MEDITERRANEAN POLICY

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1199

1. PAUL PETERS, FOREIGN MINISTER OFFICIAL WHO
ACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINISTER THORN TO MARCH 5-6
COUNCIL MEETING, TOLD ELBOFF THAT USG SHOULD BE
PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF MEETING. COUNCIL TOOK NO
ACTION SO NOW SUBJECT CAN BE TREATED IN NON- PREJUDICIAL
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FASHION AT FORTHCOMING SOAMES- CASEY CONSULTATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO PETERS, GOL DID NOT SUPPORT FRENCH POSITION FAVORING REVERSE PREFERENCES AS REPORTED REFTEL. THORN HAD BEEN EXTREMELY IMPRESSED BY FORCEFULNESS OF US OPPOSITION TO REVERSE PREFERENCES DURING HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH THE SECRETARY, THE UNDER SECRETARY AND THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE PARTICULARLY NOTED THE US CONTENTION THAT CERTAIN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES WERE OPPOSED TO REVERSE PREFERENCES. GOL' S POSITION HAD ALWAYS BEEN THAT COMMUNITY SHOULD ONLY RECEIVE REVERSE PREFERENCES FROM COUNTRIES WANTING TO GRANT THEM. THEREFORE, THORN' S PRINCIPAL INTERVENTION AT COUNCIL MEETING WAS TO SUGGEST THAT COMMISSION CHECK WITH MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES SPECIFICALLY IN THE MACHREB TO DETERMINE WHAT THEIR POSITION WAS ON FUTURE REVERSED PREFERENCES. COMMISSION HAS AGREED TO DO THIS AND REPORT RESULTS TO COUNCIL.

3. PETERS CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF EC MEDITERRANEAN POLICY WHICH IS NOW BACK TO SQUARE ONE. ORIGINALLY EC WAS DEALING ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. HOWEVER, LAST YEAR THEY ACCEPTED FRENCH SUGGESTION TO CONSIDER A GLOBAL APPROACH. BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF LINKS TO THE EC, THIS IS PROVING DIFFICULT AND NOW THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE EC IS GOING BACK TO A CASE BY CASE APPROACH. PETERS ALSO FAVORS A GLOBAL APPROACH ENCOMPASSING ALL ASPECTS OF THE RELATIONSHIP, I. E. INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, FINANCIAL, CULTURAL, TECHNICAL ASPECTS. IT IS ONLY THROUGH THIS CONCERTED APPROACH THAT ONE CAN HAVE A MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP AND CAN PROMOTE INTERNAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THERE HAS BEEN RECENT INDICATIONS THAT THE GLOBAL POLICY WILL EXCLUDE SOCIAL POLICY SPECIFICALLY THE FREE MOVEMENT OF LABOR. PETERS FEELS THAT THE EXCLUSION OF LABOR, ONE OF THE KEY FACTORS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WILL HURT PROSPECTS FOR PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. GALANTO
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